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EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
OCTOBER 2, 1973:

QUOTE: Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THIS REPORT THAT THE
SOVIET UNION IS SENDING SPECIAL WARPLANES TO IRAQ OF THE
BEST QUALITY?

A. I THINK YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE STORY IN A PROMINENT
LOCAL NEWSPAPER. (NOTE: WASHINGTON POST STORY OF OCTOBER 2
ON THE TRANSFER OF TU-22S TO IRAQ.) THE REPORT I SAW IS,
I AM TOLD, ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. I KNOW YOU HAVE A LOT OF
OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT IT, BUT THERE REALLY ISN'T TOO MUCH
I CAN ADD TO IT -- EXCEPT TO TELL YOU THAT WE'RE WATCHING
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THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

AND, FOR THE PRESENT, I WON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY
ABOUT IT. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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